

Hello,

My name is Anthony Gardner MDOC #160857. I'm currently serving on my second year of a ten year sentence and am writing this letter in regard to the lack of parole in the State of Maine. This lack of parole is a problem for many reasons. This includes things such as mental strains on the minds of many of the residents of the Maine Department of Corrections. It's a feeling of hopelessness, leading to depression. I think the chance of parole would do wonders for the mentality of most, if not all residents currently and future residents of Maine's DOC. A sense of hope does wonders for our minds, the idea that society hasn't given up on us. The idea of parole to me is a sort of reward for exceptionally good behavior, and completing any number of programs, whether required or voluntarily completed, for the benefit of ones self towards rehabilitation. Every other State has Parole, its time Maine caught up to the program. Between parole and a public defenders office, Maine has some work to do. Parole should be on the forefront of Maines priority list. Thanks for taking the time to read this, I hope it says enough of the importance of the matter.

